

GLOBAL PROTECTION CLUSTER WORKING GROUP (PCWG)



About the PCWG in 2008

Update on status of Global Protection Cluster:

- ❑ What is the PCWG doing?
- ❑ Future direction and structure.



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Global PCWG established September 2005: UNHCR lead agency

- Participants: UN Agencies, inter-governmental organizations, NGOs, ICRC (observer); agencies call in from NY, Washington, Copenhagen, Rome etc.

Country level

- **Complex emergencies:** UNHCR lead for the protection of IDPs and affected populations
- **Disasters or complex emergencies without significant displacement:**
“UNHCR, OHCHR and UNICEF will consult closely and under the overall leadership of the HC/RC agree on the role of lead for protection.”

Activated (per March 2008)

- Chad, Central African Republic, Colombia, Somalia, Uganda, Liberia, DRC, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia and Kenya
- New emergencies:
Lebanon - complex emergency
Philippines, Pakistan (x2), Yogyakarta / Indonesia, Mozambique, Horn of Africa (floods in Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia) – disasters



PCWG Mission Statement

....the mission of the PCWG is to facilitate a more **predictable, accountable and effective response** by humanitarian, human rights and development actors to protection concerns within the context of humanitarian action in complex emergencies, disasters and other such situations.

Established primarily to support the implementation of the cluster approach, the PCWG is also ready, within the limits of its capacity, **to support protection coordination mechanisms and country teams in all complex emergencies, disasters and other such situations.**



Revised “Areas of Responsibility” and the Focal Point Agencies

- Rule of Law and Justice (**UNDP-OHCHR**)
- Prevention of, and Response to, GBV (**UNFPA/UNICEF**)
- Child Protection (**UNICEF**)
- Mine Action (**UNMAS**)
- Land, Housing and Property Rights (**UN HABITAT**)



PCWG – Responsibilities of Global Cluster Lead

Tasked to establish broad partnership bases (i.e. clusters) in three main areas of work:

- Standards and policy-setting
- Building response capacity
- Operational support:

Both challenges and achievements!



Workplan 2008 – strategic areas

- 1. Cluster Management**
- 2. Communication & Outreach**
- 3. Mainstreaming Protection**
- 4. Learning and Knowledge Management**
- 5. Staffing, Workforce Support and Deployment**
- 6. Information Management Systems**
- 7. External Relations/Fundraising**
- 8. Standards- and policy setting**
- 9. Natural Disasters**



PCWG Support Cell

- Interagency cell (UNHCR, OCHA, Habitat)
- Led by UNHCR
- To be tasked by the PCWG
- Review after 6 months
- FACILITATE work of the Global Cluster
- Key tasks:
 - Liaison with field (receive/pass on requests for assistance)
 - Links with other global clusters – “mainstreaming protection”
 - Links with “areas of responsibility”, focal point agencies
 - Monitoring implementation of work plan

